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GROUP 1652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial No. : 09/855,750

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Group Art Unit: 1652

For : The FadD15 Gene of *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, Encoding an Acyl-CoA Synthase Polypeptide (As amended)

AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2003 (Paper No. 14) is due by May 21, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to Paper No. 14, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.